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*In re* Patent Application of:

James J. BANCROFT

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Examiner: Michael A. Brown

**REQUEST TO VACATE PRIOR ACTION  
AND ISSUE NEW ACTION ON THE MERITS**

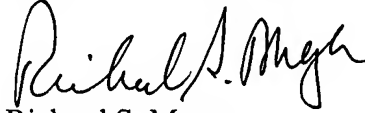
Sir:

On July 21, 2004, Applicant's undersigned representative had a telephone conference with the Examiner in which Applicant pointed out that the Office Action, mailed June 30, 2004, was incomplete, and therefore not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104. More specifically, Applicant noted that there was no action taken on claims 32-35 and Applicant had not received initialed, PTO Form 1449's for the three (3) Information Disclosure Statements Applicant filed on July 1, 2002, February 4, 2002 and December 14, 2001. The Examiner indicated that he would issue a new Office Action addressing these items, withdraw the outstanding Office Action, dated June 30, 2004, and thereby reset the shortened statutory time period for response.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner vacate the prior Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, and issue a new action resetting the full time period for response.

Respectfully submitted,



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